

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-7 (Cancelled)

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A cosmetic preparation comprising a water-containing powder composition and at least cosmetically acceptable ingredient wherein the water-containing powder composition comprises aqueous gel cores, ~~obtained by gelling an aqueous phase ingredient with a water-soluble gellant~~, coated with hydrophobic particles, which are obtained by gelling an aqueous phase ingredient with a water-soluble gellant and mixing the aqueous gel cores with hydrophobic particles to coat the aqueous gel cores, and wherein the water-soluble gellant is one or more components selected from the group consisting of agar, gelatin, carageenan, gellan gum, and magnesium sodium silicate.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): A method of applying makeup, comprising applying a makeup comprising water-containing powder composition to the skin and applying pressure to cause water to release from said composition, wherein the water-containing powder composition comprises aqueous gel cores, obtained by gelling an aqueous phase ingredient with a water-soluble gellant, coated with hydrophobic particles, wherein the water-soluble gellant is one or more components selected from the group consisting of agar, gelatin, carageenan, gellan gum, and magnesium sodium silicate.

Claims 10-22 (Cancelled).

Claim 23 (Previously Presented): The cosmetic preparation of Claim 8, wherein the aqueous gel cores are obtained by gelling an aqueous phase ingredient with a water-soluble

gellant, which is one or more components selected from the group consisting of agar, gelatin, carageenan, gellan gum, and magnesium sodium silicate, and freeze-shattering the gel.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): The cosmetic preparation of Claim 23, wherein the hydrophobic particles have a particle diameter of 1/10 or less of the particle diameter of the aqueous gel cores.

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): The cosmetic preparation of Claim 23, wherein the cores obtained from the aqueous gel are powdered gel cores.

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): The cosmetic preparation of Claim 24, wherein the cores obtained from the aqueous gel are powdered gel cores.

Claim 27 (Previously Presented): The cosmetic preparation of Claim 8, wherein the hydrophobic particles have a particle diameter of 1/10 or less of the particle diameter of the aqueous gel cores.

Claim 28 (Previously Presented): The cosmetic preparation of Claim 27, wherein the cores obtained from the aqueous gel are powdered gel cores.

Claim 29 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 9, wherein the aqueous gel cores are obtained by gelling an aqueous phase ingredient with a water-soluble gellant, which is one or more components selected from the group consisting of agar, gelatin, carageenan, gellan gum, and magnesium sodium silicate, and freeze-shattering the gel.

Claim 30 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 29, wherein the hydrophobic particles have a particle diameter of 1/10 or less of the particle diameter of the aqueous gel cores.

Claim 31 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 29, wherein the cores obtained from the aqueous gel are powdered gel cores.

Claim 32 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 30, wherein the cores obtained from the aqueous gel are powdered gel cores.

Claim 33 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 9, wherein the hydrophobic particles have a particle diameter of 1/10 or less of the particle diameter of the aqueous gel cores.

Claim 34 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 33, wherein the cores obtained from the aqueous gel are powdered gel cores.

Claim 35 (Previously Presented): A process for manufacturing the cosmetic preparation of Claim 8, comprising mixing a water-containing powder composition comprising gelling an aqueous phase ingredient with a water-soluble gellant, which is one or more components selected from the group consisting of agar, gelatin, carageenan, gellan gum, and magnesium sodium silicate, to form aqueous gel cores, and coating the aqueous gel cores with hydrophobic particles; and adding at least one cosmetically acceptable ingredient.

Claim 36 (Previously Presented): The process for manufacturing the water-containing powder composition of claim 35, wherein the aqueous phase ingredient are gelled with a water-soluble gellant and formed into powdered aqueous gel cores by freeze-shattering.